



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6161

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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF HELMETS BY MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-289g of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) No person under [eighteen] twenty-one years of age may (1)
4 operate a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle, as defined in section 14-
5 1, or (2) be a passenger on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, unless
6 such operator or passenger is wearing protective headgear of a type
7 which conforms to the minimum specifications established in 49 CFR
8 571.218, as amended from time to time. Any person who violates this
9 section shall have committed an infraction and shall be fined not less
10 than ninety dollars.

11 (b) As used in this section, the term "motorcycle" [shall] does not
12 include "autocycle".

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-40a of the general statutes is
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

15 *October 1, 2019*):

16 (b) A person who is sixteen years of age or older and who has not
 17 had such a license suspended or revoked may apply to the
 18 commissioner for a motorcycle instruction permit. The commissioner
 19 may issue a motorcycle instruction permit, containing [such] any
 20 limitation as [said] the commissioner deems advisable, to an applicant
 21 after the applicant has passed all parts of the examination, other than
 22 the driving skills test, for a motor vehicle operator's license with a
 23 motorcycle endorsement as required by subsection (c) of this section.
 24 The motorcycle instruction permit shall entitle the applicant, while
 25 [said] the applicant is in immediate possession of [said] the permit, to
 26 drive a motorcycle on the public highways, other than multiple lane,
 27 limited access highways, for a period of sixty days. A motorcycle
 28 instruction permit may be renewed, or a new permit issued, for an
 29 additional period of sixty days. Each applicant issued a motorcycle
 30 instruction permit shall, while operating a motorcycle, wear protective
 31 headgear [of a type which conforms to the minimum specifications
 32 established by regulations adopted under subsection (b) of] as required
 33 by section 14-289g, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	14-289g
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	14-40a(b)

TRA *Joint Favorable*